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Lantos Protests Restrictions on Burma's Aung San Suu Kyi

Washington, DC – *Congressman Tom Lantos (D-CA), the ranking Democrat on the House International Relations Committee, made the following statement today in response to reports of new restrictions on Burmese opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi, winner of the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize, that could place her health and safety in further jeopardy:*

"It is outrageous that Burma's ruling thugs have further endangered the safety of Nobel Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi. Burma's actions will undoubtedly fuel the fire in Congress to re-authorize U.S. import sanctions against Burma for an additional year. These sanctions are due to expire in July, 2005. These latest actions clearly demonstrate that Burma's recent charm offensive has no substance, and is simply designed to reduce international pressure for political change in Burma."

Lantos is the co-founder and co-chairman of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus. He is the author of the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act, signed into law by President Bush on July 28, 2003, as well as legislation re-authorizing import sanctions against Burma that were signed into law on July 7, 2004.

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